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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-16601)

DATE: 4/13/64

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.
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At 3:22 p.m., Mr. W. A. BRANIGAN of the Bureau called. He advised Bureau was in receipt of telephone call from Mr. JAMES LIEBLER, representing the President's Commission, who indicated that while in New Orleans, LIEBLER had interviewed CARLOS BRINGUIERE and that BRINGUIERE told him that sometime prior to the assassination of the President that someone from the FBI had made inquiries concerning a Mexican in the Habana Bar. The name of this Mexican was not furnished by BRINGUIERE to LIEBLER. BRINGUIERE also indicated that the same Mexican had subsequently been seen in an automobile riding with another Mexican and that later the above Mexican in question had been in the Habana Bar with OSWALD at the time OSWALD allegedly ordered a lemonade.

Mr. BRANIGAN stated Mr. LIEBLER desired to know what action the FBI was taking to check out this information. BRANIGAN further advised that the only references he could find to this situation were in report of 12/2/63 of SA deBRUEYS on page 696 and report of SA REYNOLDS, 12/6/63, which contains an interview with ORESTA PENA.

I advised BRANIGAN as far as I could recall the unknown Mexican hadnever been identified but at least one additional inquiry had been made at the Habana Bar by SA LOGAN, results of which BRANIGAN apparently did not have. I also pointed out to BRANIGAN there is some question as to BRINGUIERE's reliability and also PENA's reliability and that prior to making additional inquiries it appeared desirable to have whatever comments BRINGUIERE may have made in any deposition he furnished to LIEBLER.

BRANIGAN stated he was inclined to agree with this but requested that an airtel be submitted setting forth the reports and page numbers in which any interviews dealing with this matter are located.

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